

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA  
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING  
MONDAY JUNE 22, 2015, 7:30 P.M.  
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**M I N U T E S**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair, Jay Johnson, Vice Chair, William Schuyler, Elizabeth Jones, James Lewis, Randy Cole and Melissa McMahon

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kevin Beekman,

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, Traffic, Cuong Nguyen, Civil Engineer I, and Hillary Poole, Principal Planner.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: There were no deferrals or withdrawals.
2. Approval of the May 18, 2015, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Ms. McMahon made a motion seconded by Mr. Cole to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2015 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**  
Mr. Jim Dillon, 330 Third St., spoke to the Traffic and Parking Board about commuters monopolizing parking all day on Third Street and requested Two-Hour Parking restrictions. The Board acknowledged the situation and asked staff to add the item to the July docket.

Mrs. Christine Michaelis, 3976 Seminary Rd., spoke to the Traffic and Parking Board about speeding and safety concerns on Seminary Road. The Board acknowledged the situation and asked staff to work with the community and develop possible short term solutions that could be implemented before the road is resurfaced along with longer term solutions and report to the Board in September.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

4. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove five parking spaces at 3640 Wheeler Avenue and continue planned bicycle lane.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** No one from the public spoke on this item.

**DISCUSSION:** Mrs. Poole presented this item to the Board and indicated that the reason for this request was that Wheeler Avenue was scheduled to be paved this year.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mrs. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve staff's recommendation to remove five parking spaces at 3640 Wheeler Avenue. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to re-configure parking along North Hampton Drive.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Mr. Cary Garcia, Mrs. Nancy Porter, and Mr. Rick Murphy supported the project but were opposed to allowing unrestricted parking on North Hampton Drive. They were concerned that unrestricted parking would be an open invitation for commercial vehicles and others from outside the City to park along the street.

Mr. Len Harning supported the project and also supported unrestricted parking along North Hampton Drive. He indicated that there was not enough off-street parking and that allowing unrestricted on-street parking would be a benefit to the residents.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Poole presented this item to the Board and provided details about the plan to reconfigure the parking lanes and add bicycle lanes along North Hampton Drive. She indicated that this project was being done in conjunction with street resurfacing. Several community meetings were held to help define the scope of this project and address the community's concerns. The Board decided that it would be best to retain the existing parking restrictions and allow the new parking areas to be unrestricted as a test. If the unrestricted parking in the new parking areas was successful, the NO PARKING 9 AM – 5 PM restrictions could possibly be modified in the future.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to modify staff's recommendation to retain the current 9 AM- 5 PM NO PARKING section and approve all other aspects of the request and report back to the Board six months after the project is complete. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove parking spaces at the intersection of Wilkes Street and South Washington Street.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** No one from the public spoke on this item.

**DISCUSSION:** Mrs. Poole presented the item to the Board.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve staff's recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove two parking spaces on East Howell Avenue at the intersection with Route 1.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Mr. Robert Jones and Mr. Davida Kosar opposed the request.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board. Mr. Jones and Mr. Kosar from the public opposed the request because they worried about the shortage of parking spaces in the area. The applicant was not present.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schuyler to deny staff's recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

**8. STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:**

- Mr. Garbacz provided a brief update on the status of the proposed parking meter changes that the Board approved previously.
- Mr. Garbacz provided a brief update on the progress of the West Taylor Run and Duke Street project.